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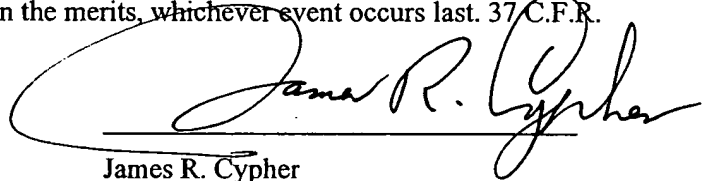
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
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**Section 4. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents**

Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

1. European Patent 0 937 832 A2, published on August 25, 1999, Applicant: MiTek Industries GmbH.
2. German Patent 100 51 793 A1, published on May 31, 2001, Applicant: Bulldog-Simpson GmbH.
3. Non-Patent prior art entitled "SFS WT-System Von Merk," by MERK GmbH.
4. Non-Patent prior art entitled "Praxisorientierte Diplomarbeiten," published on January 1997 by Quadriga.